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GLENDALÉ SUMMER BAND CELEBRATES ITS 50TH SEASON OF MUSIC IN DOWNTOWN GLENDALÉ

State's Longest-Running Community Band Kicks Off Summer Concert Series June 2

GLENDALÉ, Ariz. – Glendale's favorite summer tradition is back for its 50th season beginning June 2 in downtown Glendale. The eight-week concert series takes place each Thursday at 8 p.m. through July 21, in the Murphy Park Amphitheater, located at 58th and Glenn drives.

The 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert is scheduled for Thursday, June 23, in which the community will be invited for a special performance and a ceremony that will include dignitaries, former band members and special guests, as well as the debut of an original piece of music composed for the Glendale Community Band.

The Glendale Summer Band is the longest- running community band in Arizona. The ages of the volunteer band members span several generations. Formed back in 1966, the band originally played at O'Neil Park, before moving to Murphy Park when the amphitheater was built. Music lovers of all ages will be entertained by approximately 100 musicians with their inspiring renditions of marches, polkas, movie medleys and other tunes. These free concerts are the perfect night out for the entire family, or bring your friends, neighbors and the whole gang! Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase at the concerts, which will go on through July 21. The series will feature a special Patriotic performance on Thursday, June 30 in celebration of Independence Day, as well as other themes each week.

The Glendale Summer Band concert series is sponsored by Glendale Civic Pride. For more information, call the Glendale's Special Events hotline at 623-930-2299, or visit

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